## **Earth Hour**

## Saturday March 25, 2017 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Earth Hour is a global environmental movement sponsored by the World Wildlife Fund. Earth Hour started in Sydney, Australia in 2007. In 2015, Earth Hour grew to become the largest grassroots movement for the environment. Now, it engages hundreds of millions of supporters, individuals and organizations alike, in more than 7,000 cities and towns in over 170 countries and territories worldwide.



The annual global lights out effort remains visually impactful. However, a true impact is being shown in the communities fighting climate change. At the Paris climate conference (COP21) in December 2015, 195 countries adopted the first-ever universal, legally binding global climate deal.

Camden County's Board of Freeholders will show their support of environmental awareness by shutting off the exterior lights of City Hall in Camden for one hour on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30pm to 9:30pm.

Although Earth Hour occurs in March, climate change continues to happen. Here are 10 things we can do every day to help change climate change.

- 1. Take public transportation, carpool or use a bicycle to get around.
- 2. Turn off electrical appliances when not in use.
- 3. Switch to LED bulbs or renewable energy.
- 4. Reduce paper wastage.
- 5. Reduce the use of disposable plastic products.
- 6. Buy only what you need to reduce food waste.
- 7. Only use your dishwasher and clothes washer when they're full
- 8. Buy Energy Star appliances and EPA WaterSense equipment for your home to save money and reduce energy consumption
- 9. Plant a tree.
- 10. Harness #YourPower and Take Action at <a href="https://www.earthhour.org/take-action">https://www.earthhour.org/take-action</a>